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1. SUMMARY: ISRAELI INCURSIONS INTO THE WEST BANK AND LEBANON
AND THE SITUATION IN IRAQ DOMINATED COVERAGE IN UAE PRINT AND

ELECTRONIC MEDIA. AN EDITORIAL IN "AKHBAR AL ARAB" CLAIMED THAT THE REGION NEEDS TO BE SAVED FROM "SHARON'S FIRES." AN EDITORIAL IN "AL ITTIHAD" DESCRIBED TERRORISM AS A DISEASE THAT THREATENS THE WHOLE WORLD. ANOTHER EDITORIAL IN "AL KHALEEJ" CRITICIZED ISRAEL'S "ATTITUDE OF INNOCENCE" IN RECENT TIMES. END SUMMARY.

12. UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE INNOCENT AND FRIGHTENED ISRAEL," SHARJAH-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 8/11:

"... ISRAEL, WHO POSSESSES THE MOST MODERN WEAPONS FROM AMERICA'S DEADLY ARSENAL OF WMD AND IS CAPABLE OF THREATENING AND ATTACKING ANY PLACE IN THE REGION UNDER AMERICAN PROTECTION, IS COMPLAINING TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL WHILE HIDING BEHIND A FENCE. NEVERTHELESS, RESORTING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS AN ARAB HABIT, AND BUILDING THE WALL IS A POSITIVE SIGN THAT THE OCCUPIERS CAN'T GO ON WITH THEIR OCCUPATION AND BRUTALITY WITHOUT FURTHER LOSSES OR FEAR, DESPITE ALL THE MASSACRES THAT THEY COMMITTED AND MIGHT COMMIT."

13. CLAIMING THAT TERRORISM HAS BECOME A DISEASE THREATENING THE WHOLE WORLD, SEMI-OFFICIAL ABU DHABI-BASED ARABIC DAILY "AL-ITTIHAD" 8/10 EDITORIALIZED:

"... FACING THIS DISEASE OF TERRORISM REQUIRES THE SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ... WHAT WE ARE SEEING TODAY (EXAGGERATED SCENES OF VIOLENCE AND CRUELTY) HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ISLAM AND COULD NEVER BE COMMITTED BY ANY PERSON WHO IS BLESSED BY GOD WITH THIS RELIGION ... A RELIGION OF MERCY, TOLERANCE, AND GOOD."

14. CRITICIZING THE RECENT STATEMENTS OF HUSSEIN AL KHOMEINI, GRANDSON OF AYATOLLAH AL KHOMEINI, IN WHICH HE ASSERTED THAT THE SAME ACTIONS THAT BROUGHT DOWN SADDAM'S REGIME COULD HAVE THE SAME RESULT IN IRAN, ABU DHABI-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AKHBAR AL ARAB" EDITORIALIZED 8/10:

"... HAS WASHINGTON BECOME THE WORLD'S "MONSTER," CALLED TO FRIGHTEN AND THREATEN REGIMES IN ORDER TO ACCEPT ANY REQUIRED CHANGES? ... THE U.S. DOES NOT HAVE THE SOLUTION, OR ELSE IRAQ WOULD BE LIVING IN HAPPINESS, PROSPERITY, AND ORDER. USING AMERICA TO FRIGHTEN THE WORLD IS A CLEAR POINT THAT THERE IS A POLICEMAN IN THE WORLD THAT CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE."

15. UNDER THE HEADLINE "SAVE THE REGION FROM SHARON'S FIRES," DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED ARABIC DAILY "AL-BAYAN" EDITORIALIZED 8/10:

"... WITHOUT SHAME, THE ZIONISTS PRESENTED AN "OFFICIAL COMPLAINT" TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST SYRIA AND LEBANON. SO NOW THE TYRANT ATTACKER IS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE INNOCENT ... THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THE FIRES IN THE REGION IS FOR THE ISRAELI TROOPS TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS. WITHOUT THIS, THERE IS NO HOPE FOR PEACE."

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